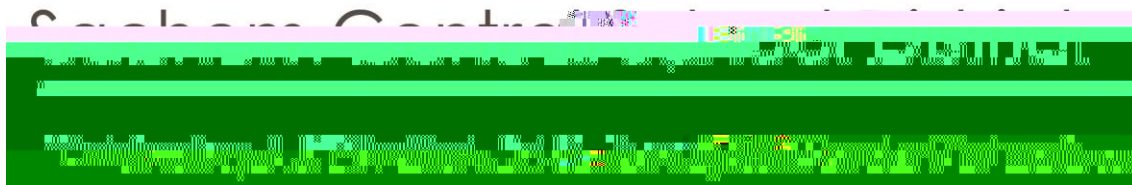


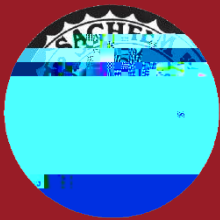
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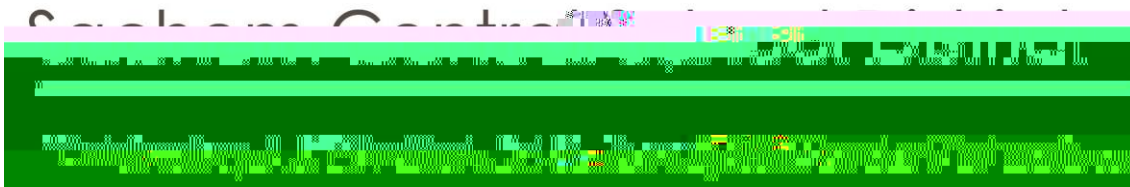
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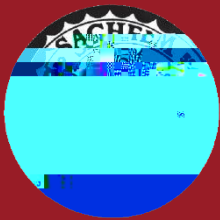
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Avenue Elementary School with presently 469 enrolled students and 104 staff members are located **.85 miles**, **.67 miles**, and **.89 miles** away from the Holtsville Energy Storage, LLC site respectively.

Battery energy storage systems are susceptible to the risk of explosion and fires. According to published reporting by the United States Energy Information Administration, out of the 446 identified battery energy storage systems within the United States, fire incidents had been reported at 11 facilities. Recently, a 5-megawatt lithium battery energy storage system caught fire in the Town of East Hampton in May, 2023 while yet another facility in Warwick, New York experienced a fire on June 27, 2023. Charged with the responsibility to ensure the safety of nearly 1,887 enrolled students and 373 staff members at the *Chippewa Elementary, Sagamore Middle, and Waverly Avenue Elementary Schools* in *Warwick, Rhode Island*

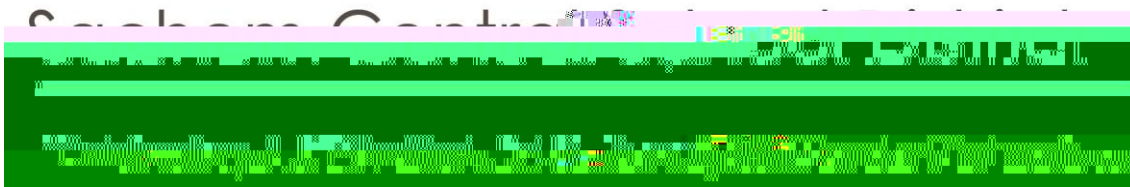
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requirements, setback requirements, buffering requirements, and minimum distance requirements to schools, homes, other energy sources and plants, and commercial establishments is immediately needed. Importantly, battery storage facilities must be designated with their own zoning district and not generically permitted to be constructed within industrial zoning districts and/or adjacent to other pre-established zoning districts by the Town of Brookhaven. Such zoning regulation by the Town relative to the approved Holtsville facility would have likely prevented in the first instance its siting on the Long Island Expressway and practically abutting a natural gas facility, residential homes, a commercial business district, hotels, restaurants, a movie theater, youth sport facilities and fields, and a public library.

Without the above-referenced requested public safety oversight by the Town of Brookhaven, the Sachem Central School District and its concerned residents, were relegated with the responsibility of expressly notifying the New York State Public Service Commission that local fire departments and emergency responders were, and may not still be adequately prepared to suppress a lithium battery fire at the proposed Holtsville facility or at any other battery energy storage

above-referenced and requested oversight by the Town of Brookhaven, the District was further required to notify the Commission that the Sachem Central School District was never contacted by either Holtsville Energy Storage, LLC or any local, State, and/or federal agency instructing us to develop emergency action and/or evacuation plans for our surrounding schools in the event a disaster befalls the Holtsville facility for any disaster that would befall the site, and concomitantly impact students, staff members, parents, residents, and guests alike at the *Chippewa Elementary, Sagamore Middle, and Waverly Avenue Elementary Schools*.

Thus, the District would implore the Town of Brookhaven to exercise its jurisdiction to minimally adopt a 6-month moratorium on the approval and development of battery energy storage facilities within the geographical confines of the Town of Brookhaven, including the facility to be operated by Holtsville Energy Storage, LLC, so as to effectively assess and ultimately regulate, via Town Code requirements, the public safety concerns of the Sachem community, and the citizens of the Town at large.

As always, thank you for your anticipated cooperation and consideration of

Very truly yours,


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